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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF  
PALO VERDE UTILITIES COMPANY FOR AN  
EXTENSION OF ITS CERTIFICATE OF  
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY.

DOCKET NO. SW-03575A-03-0586

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF  
SANTA CRUZ WATER COMPANY FOR AN  
EXTENSION OF ITS EXISTING CERTIFICATE  
OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY.

DOCKET NO. W-03576A-03-0586

**PROCEDURAL ORDER**

**BY THE COMMISSION:**

On August 18, 2003, Palo Verde Utilities Company ("Palo Verde") and Santa Cruz Water Company ("Santa Cruz") (jointly "Applicants") filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") an application in the respective, above-captioned dockets seeking to extend their Certificates of Convenience and Necessity to various specified areas of Pinal County, Arizona.

A hearing was held in this matter on December 8, 2003 and a Recommended Opinion and Order was issued on January 22, 2004. The Recommended Order was discussed at the Commission's March 30, 2004 Open Meeting during which the Hearing Division was directed to conduct additional hearings regarding Global Water Resources, LLC, the entity that has acquired the Applicants' membership interests.

Pursuant to Procedural Order issued March 31, 2004, testimony filing dates were established and a hearing was scheduled for May 12, 2004.

On May 10, 2004, a Procedural Order was issued granting, among other things, the parties' joint request to reschedule the hearing date for June 18, 2004. Pursuant to that Procedural Order, the Applicants filed supplemental testimony on May 14, 2004 and Staff filed a Supplemental Staff Report on May 28, 2004.

On June 3, 2004, a Procedural Order was issued directing the Applicants to file a response to

1 Staff's recommendations by June 11, 2004. The hearing date was rescheduled to commence on June  
2 28, 2004.

3 On June 11, 2004, the parties requested telephonically that the June 11, 2004 filing deadline  
4 be extended in order to engage in settlement discussions. The parties' request was granted pending  
5 submission of a formal written request for extension of the filing date.

6 On June 15, 2004, the Applicants and Staff filed a Joint Stipulation to Extend Deadline for  
7 Filing Response to Supplemental Staff Report.

8 On June 16, 2004, a Procedural Order was issued granting the Applicants' deadline for filing  
9 a response to the Supplemental Staff Report until June 21, 2004.

10 On June 18, 2004, the Applicants and Staff filed a Joint Stipulation to Continue Filing  
11 Deadline and Hearing Date. By Procedural Order issued June 22, 2004, the response filing date was  
12 extended and the hearing date was rescheduled for July 21, 2004.

13 On July 2, 2004, the Applicants and Staff filed a Joint Stipulation to Continue Filing  
14 Deadline. The parties state that they are continuing to make progress toward achieving a settlement  
15 and therefore request that the filing deadline for the Applicants' response to the Supplemental Staff  
16 Report be extended until July 13, 2004.

17 On July 12, 2004, the Applicants and Staff requested telephonically that the July 13, 2004  
18 filing deadline be extended until July 19, 2004 in order to continue settlement discussions. The  
19 parties' request was granted pending submission of a formal written request for extension of the filing  
20 date.

21 On July 15, 2004, the Applicants and Staff filed a Joint Stipulation to Continue Filing  
22 Deadline.

23 On July 19, 2004, Supplemental Testimony was submitted by the Applicants in response to  
24 the Supplemental Staff Report. A Stipulation between Staff and the Applicants was also filed on July  
25 19, 2004 to resolve certain issues between the parties.

26 On July 20, 2004, a procedural teleconference was conducted with the Applicants and Staff to  
27 arrange an alternative date for the hearing. The Administrative Law judge and the parties agreed that  
28 the hearing should be rescheduled for July 27, 2004, at 9:00 a.m.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the deadline for filing a response to the Supplemental Staff Report shall be extended until July 19, 2004.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the hearing in this matter shall be rescheduled for July 27, 2004, at 9:00 a.m., at the offices of the Commission.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the applicable time clock rules shall be extended accordingly.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the ex parte rule remains in effect.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Presiding Officer may rescind, alter, amend, or waive any portion of this Procedural Order either by subsequent Procedural Order or by ruling at hearing.

DATED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2004.

  
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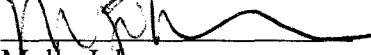
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